

him or belonging to another owner,

to delete the provision regarding the maximum number of stage carriage permits that can be granted to any individuals/companies (not being a transport undertaking),

to empower the State Governments to direct by notification in the Official Gazette the regional Transport Authority/State Transport Authority to fix maximum number of permits on any route taking into consideration the road conditions and capability of the road to take additional traffic,

to empower the Regional Transport Authority to formulate rules for plying stage carnages and invite applications for the grant of permits,

to cast a duty on the driver or other person in-charge of the vehicle to convey the injured to the nearest medical practitioner or hospital and to make it obligatory for medical practitioner to attend to the injured and render all medical aid without waiting for the procedural formalities of treating the injured after receipt of police report,

to make it obligatory on the part of manufacturers to issue a certificate to the effect that every vehicle offered for sale shall be covered by a warranty certificate issued by the manufacturer that the vehicle will be conforming to the pollution standards for a period of two years subject to proper maintenance by the owner, and if during the warranty period the vehicle is found to violate the emission standards the vehicle shall be liable to be recalled

by the manufacturer and suitable replacement/compensation given to the owner

Trade Strategy to Tap Markets in Israel

4961 SHRI GANGADHARA
SANIPALLI
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government is preparing a comprehensive trade strategy to tap markets in Israel,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether these strategies have been prepared after establishing diplomatic contacts with Israel,

(d) if so, whether a framework for establishing commercial ties has been worked out, and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSH EED) (a) No such proposal has been formulated so far

(b) to (e) Do not arise

NTC Mills in Orissa

4962 SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) the number of textile mills in Orissa

(b) the number of mills under the private

management and those under the control of National Textile Corporation ; and

(c) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to Provide funds and other facilities to this mills to meet the requirements of raw materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) : There are 13 textile mills located in the State of Orissa , out of which 1 textile mill is run by National Textile Corporation.

(c) Union Government has been providing funds to Orissa Cotton Mills, the mill under NTC. No reference has been received from the Government of Orissa for Providing funds to Orissa Cotton Mills .

Share of Erstwhile USSR in India's trade

	1989-90	1990-91
Exports	16.12%	16.14%
Imports	5.76%	5.90%
(Source : DGCI & S)		

(b) As per the provisions of the Trade Agreement with the erstwhile USSR all payments of commercial and non-commercial nature were to be affected in Indian rupees

(c) and (d) The Rupee-Rouble exchange rate was fixed in terms of the Indo-Soviet Protocol of November, 1978. The exchange rate as on 17.11.91 was Rouble 1=Rs.31.7874.

Harrassment of Customers by LIC

4964. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA
HANDIQUE:
SHRI RAM NAIK:

4963. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of erstwhile USSR in India's exports and imports of essential commodities in 1989-90 and 1990-1991;

(b) the amount payable by India in roubles and rupees terms;

(c) whether any rupee-rouble exchange rate has been fixed; and

(d) is so, the details thereof and the rate before the dissolution of USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The share of the erstwhile USSR in India's exports and imports during 1989-90 and 1990-1991 is given below :-

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of callousness on the part of the Life Insurance Corporation towards claimants as reported in the Times of India, dated February 7, 1992;

(b) if so, the steps the Government contemplate to take in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to evolve a monitoring machinery in order to expedite the settlement of claims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?